

National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fundy Shores NB65  
AMM, May 4, 2022

The Zoom AGM of the NAFR Fundy Shores NB65 was called to order by the President, Lorraine Scott at 10:04 am. Besides the president in attendance were 21 members and a Quorum was reached at 10:03 am.

Lorraine greeted the members and thanked them for their attendance giving the numbers necessary to reach a quorum. Lorraine also welcomed our guest speaker, Len LeBlanc, Atlantic Director.

Agenda approval:

Lorraine presented the agenda and asked for a motion to approve.

Donna Bovolaneas moved that the agenda be amended to move item #10 (election of new member) forward to allow Howard to leave for a personal matter.

Seconded by Peggy McLean. Motion carried.

Election of new member:

Lorraine introduced Howard Pearn, stating that he had expressed an interest on serving on the board.

Members elected Howard Pearn by acclamation for a one-year term to coincide with the election of a new board in 2023.

3. Guest speaker:

Lorraine introduced a guest speaker, Len LeBlanc, National Director for the Atlantic Region. Len conveyed greetings from the National Board of Directors and expressed his appreciation for being invited to attend. He addressed the following in his remarks:

- Canada Life has been awarded a 12-year contract to take effect after Sun Life's contract expires on June 30, 2023. Consideration is being given to extending the maximum limit for prescriptions coverage of 80% to \$5000.00 from \$3000.00 at which time prescriptions are covered at 100% of cost. This limit has not been reviewed since 2006.
- Len has served 11 years on the National Board and congratulated both Martha and Lorraine on a job well done during their terms as President of our board.
- FSNA is undertaking ongoing research on care of seniors in their own homes instead of in facilities.
- A review is underway on whether/how "Trip interruption" insurance with Medoc should apply when the reason for interruption is Covid. Discussions continue, but no further details are available at this time.

#### 4. Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes:

The minutes were displayed on a shared screen and read by all present. One error was noted and corrected (Geoff Howson was elected not re-elected.) Donna suggested the statement concerning the 2021 board's intention to stand for two years be moved ahead of the voting results to confirm that branch members approved both the members and their term.

Marianne moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Donna Bovolaneas. Motion carried.

These minutes were written by Marianne Haines in the absence of Fran Hickmott.

#### 5. By Law Review:

Donna Bovolaneas presented a series of proposed specific amendments to Branch by-laws. While these have been approved by the Branch board, they now require approval by the membership and then a final review and approval by the National Board of Directors. She explained the various reasons for updating this document including two changes requested by National and others that would modernize and better align the Branch's remaining bylaws with those of the national association.

Donna moved the adoption of specific amendments to the Fundy Shores Branch By-laws as presented in column 2 of the document entitled Proposed NB65 Fundy Shores Branch By-law Amendments.

Motion seconded by Geoff Howson. Motion carried.

Donna further explained that the approval of new by-law 6.5 on director term limits would have an immediate impact on certain board members who, by reason of long service, would be ineligible to continue on the board beyond this meeting. As the strategy approved at the 2021 AGM contemplated continuation of the current board to the 2023 AGM, a further motion would be needed to provide relief from the new by-law for these members.

Donna moved that those board members who have reached or exceeded six years of continuous service be permitted to serve out the remainder of their current term, which in all cases ends at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Motion seconded by Geoff Howson. Motion carried.

#### 6. Branch Review Committee for 2022:

Donna moved to approve the creation of the 2022 Branch Review Committee, the appointment of Art Scott to this committee, and further appointments at the discretion of the Board of Directors which may include Board members without branch signing authority.

Motion seconded by Marianne Haines. Motion carried.

## 7. Treasurer's Report:

Donna Bovolaneas presented the Treasurer's Report, comprising discussions of:

- The Branch 2021 Balance Report, including an explanation of the nature and purpose of the three approved types of Equity (Reserved Equity, Unreserved Equity, and current Earnings/Loss)
- The 2021 Reserves Motion Template, outlining details of the four authorized Branch Reserve Funds (Information Technology and Equipment, Recruitment/Communications, Special Events, and Training/Succession Planning)
- The Branch 2021 Earnings/Loss report including the Branch 2022 Budget
- The Branch 2023 Forecast.

After calling for questions and comments, Donna moved to accept the 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Seconded by Marianne Haines. Motion carried.

## 8. Membership:

Catherine O'Leary reported we currently have 1042 members. Looking back, the branch had a membership of 1164 members in 2019 and 1052 in 2021. Nationally the membership has dropped by approximately 7,000. Currently the membership is steadily increasing due to membership coming back and wanting travel insurance through Medoc.

**Catherine moved the acceptance of her report.**

Seconded by Harold McInnis. Motion carried.

## 9. President's Report:

Lorraine noted that this year has been a challenge and expressed disappointment that with over 1100 members she had such a hard time obtaining a Quorum of 19 members for this meeting. She has been working on succession planning and election of a largely new board in 2023.

Lorraine also expressed hope that the board could resume in-person meetings in the Fall and perhaps a members' event provided it can be done safely. To encourage greater participation from members of the former Southwest New Brunswick Branch, she plans to meet with Donna and Geoff to find a suitable meeting venue in Charlotte County for a board meeting and outreach event. Planning for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in 2023 will commence this year.

She noted that she currently sits on the National Board's Nominating Committee, and co-chairs the President's Forum until 2023.

#### 10. New Business:

Geoff thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the recent Atlantic regional meeting and he will be an observer at the national meeting in June. A short discussion took place on requiring observers to pay up AMM costs up front and wait to be reimbursed until afterwards. Lorraine also advised Len that the cost laid out by Algonquin travel appeared excessive and should be reviewed. Donna also observed that both these approaches appeared intended to eliminate the financial risks attached to an unexpected cancellation by an observer. However, allowing branches to accept a degree of financial risk (for example, non-refundable air fares that could be credited for future use) would likely be more cost-effective overall.

Lorraine thanked attendees for their participation.

**Geoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Fran Hickmott, Recording Secretary